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**From:** Jerry Day  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Sun, May 4, 2003 12:02 AM  
**Subject:** Media Must Be Competitive and Diverse

Dear Commissioner Powell,

The FCC must not act to reduce opportunity, choice and quality in media. We are already suffering from excess "consolidation" of media powers to the point where content is severely compromised restricted and biased. Please explain the thinking that allowed the Commission to consider permitting further monopolistic conglomeration in media.

Yes, I would like a response.

Jerry Day  
Burbank, CA

**From:** Sue Diehl  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Sun, May 4, 2003 12:02 AM  
**Subject:** Media Ownership

Dear Chairman Powell:

Please do not vote to weaken regulation of media ownership. There are already too few owners of the various media in this nation.

Thank you.

--Carol Sue Diehl

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**From:** Carolyn Hallett  
**To:** Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein,  
john\_mccain@mccain.senate.gov  
**Date:** Sun, May 4, 2003 12:10 AM  
**Subject:** FCC deregulation

Hello

I am writing to you to voice my opposition to the changes the FCC's is considering that would deregulate media ownership-limits in local markets.. This change would result in fewer media companies and thus a higher concentration of media control in the hands of a few large corporations.

Democracy is based on a free press, and a FREE press does not result when a small number of large corporation own the media. A free press represents a wide variety of viewpoints. This includes a widely diverse LOCAL perspective. This Diversity of local perspectives would be lost if the critical safeguards that are designed to help ensure diversity of media ownership are ended under the FCC plans. Under these plans, there would be fewer owners of networks, TV and radio stations, and newspapers which would lessen the variety of viewpoints in our media.

It is clear that we need MORE locally owned TV & radio stations and newspapers to protect and ensure our democracy in the United States. Thank you for considering my opinions in this very important matter.

Carolyn Hallett  
Seattle Washington

**From:** Martin McClure  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Sun, May 4, 2003 12:17 AM  
**Subject:** Proposed changes

As a citizen of the United States I am honored that you have chosen to serve us. I want you to understand that I believe that a free and unfettered press is one of the vital forces maintaining freedom in this great country. Anything which interferes with diversity in the media is a threat to our way of life. The changes which the FCC is proposing will hamper the free exchange of ideas and information as well as quash debate. It will do this by allowing fewer and fewer companies to control our only access to news and information. I understand that you plan to vote for these changes to benefit large media companies and restrict the American people's access to information. Please do not vote yes; reconsider and vote for the people instead of for your pocketbook.

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**From:** PJC474@aol.com  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Sun, May 4, 2003 12:23 AM  
**Subject:** Media Ownership

I am very concerned about the pending changes in regulations that would make it easier for large companies to own several or all media sources in a community. This seems very risky and would serve to limit the amount and variety of information the public would receive. We have enough conflict of issues potential now with companies that own the larger networks. I find it difficult to get any thoughtful discussion unless I read different newspapers and watch Public Broadcasting. I do not support any attempts to allow these regulation changes.

Phyllis Clancy  
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**From:** Rick  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sun, May 4, 2003 12:32 AM  
**Subject:** Vote on decreasing compention for news

I am very concerned that the 1st amendment is facing a huge challenge when the independence of the news agencies can consolidate so that we won't get both sides of news. This would be the beginning of the end of our great country. Before you vote for this, realize how this will affect the future of our country and the nail this will drive as will be reflected in history. Frederick Sherman

**From:** Larry  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sun, May 4, 2003 1:07 AM  
**Subject:** Proposed changes to the FCC broadcast ownership rules

Mr. Adelstein

As an FCC Commissioner I urge you not to relax broadcast ownership rules that prevent media monopolies.

I don't believe changing the rules is in the best interests of the American citizens as the major networks already have too much control over the viewpoints that are broadcast. Many of the media corporations not only control what is broadcast on radio and TV, they also own the companies that print our newspapers.

Sincerely,

Larry A. Crawford  
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**From:** Daniela Gundling  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Sun, May 4, 2003 1:11 AM  
**Subject:** Prevent centralization of media

Dear Commissioner Powell:

As the FCC considers new regulations regarding ownership of media in the United States, I urge you to make sure that you promote multiplicity of ownership, so that it is impossible for one or a few giant corporations to control the American media.

Commissioner Powell we are already at a crisis point in this regard. Five giants own 90% of the media, and this has resulted in biased reporting and poor news coverage. Independence of view and analysis has suffered.

The FCC must take steps to encourage independent reporting and analysis and freer access to government news sources. Don't allow the American media to become monotonous and biased!

Sincerely,

Daniela Gundling

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**From:** Lucas Larson  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Sun, May 4, 2003 1:42 AM  
**Subject:** FCC don't allow media monopolies

Dear Commissioner Powell:

One of the basic elements which help to keep the American media at least partially free and independent is the set of FCC regulations restricting consolidation and monopolies.

In the 2002 Biennial Review, the FCC appears to be planning to roll back many of these protective regulations: the Newspaper/Broadcast Cross-Ownership Rule, the National Broadcast Ownership Cap, the Local Radio Ownership Rule, the Duopoly Rule and the Dual Network Rule.

Relaxation or abandonment of the preceding rules will result in the purchase of local and independent newspapers and radio and television stations by large media giants. The cost to the American People and Democracy will be far too high if local news, reportorial freedom and access to a true variety of legitimate views are further compromised.

Commissioner Powell, I urge you to make sure the FCC does not relax or drop these vital regulatory rules.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Joanne Murphy  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Sun, May 4, 2003 1:42 AM  
**Subject:** FCC promote media diversity

Dear Commissioner Powell:

Numerous reports agree that the Federal Communications is planning to loosen longstanding rules governing control of the media that bring news and views to the American public. This will inevitably lead to monopoly, by a few large corporate giants, of TV stations, newspapers, and broadcast networks.

I urge you, Commissioner Powell, to halt immediately any implementation of these these FCC plans that threaten public access to diverse views and information.

Sincerely,

Joanne G. Murphy  
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**From:** Rachel Justice  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Sun, May 4, 2003 1:42 AM  
**Subject:** FCC promote media decentralization

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Sincerely,

Rachel Justice

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**From:** Corcoran  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Sun, May 4, 2003 2:57 AM  
**Subject:** media ownership

Dear Mr. Powell,

I would like to pass on to you my feelings regarding the possibility of changing the rules pertaining to the amount of spectrum companies are allowed to own. It is my understanding that you feel companies should be allowed to own even greater market share than they presently are allowed to control in any given market. I urge you to go slow in your deliberations. Personally I believe the present rules are too lax. The spectrum belongs to the people, not corporations. The government has no interest in assuring the financial viability of media conglomerates. If they or any station fails, well they fail. end of story. Someone else will gladly use the spectrum and the government does not owe a profit margin to companies and is in no way responsible or obligated for the financial well being of any business.

Further more I have read statements attributed to yourself that imply that it is now a new age digital technology whereby citizens have many more avenues for dissemination of the news as well as any other content for that matter. That it is thus perhaps ok to lower our guard against monopolization of the spectrum and media in general. Well the former may be true but it does not justify the latter. Quite a large segment of the US population relies on only print or broadcast outlets for news and events. They don't use the newer technologies such as the internet. Perhaps half the US population relies on traditional modes of information transmission like newsprint or broadcast. In my view this is far too large a segment of the population leave behind to the vagaries of modern corporate media ownership.

Please do the right thing for our liberty and free speech. You and I vote. Corporations do not. I certainly pay taxes, corporations may not. The airwaves are vital to the people and you have been entrusted with their care and good stewardship. Please don't open the door to increased market share ownership by corporations.

Thank you,  
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**From:** Phards747@cs.com  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Sun, May 4, 2003 3:00 AM  
**Subject:** FCC

I am extremely concerned about the FCC changing the limitations of media ownership.

We do not have enough diversity in the media now, thanks to the changes made in 1994. We will have much less if you proceed with the new changes. If any changes are made, it should be to limit the amount of media now under one corporation or person, not broaden it.

I have written to my Senators asking them for help in stifling this new plan.

Please consider the consequences. Without diversity our democracy is in jeopardy.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Hards

**From:** Corcoran  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sun, May 4, 2003 4:16 AM  
**Subject:** media ownership

Dear Mr. Adelstein,

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Thank you,  
Tim Corcoran  
6969 Day Road West

**From:** sabine freudiger  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Sun, May 4, 2003 4:32 AM  
**Subject:** FCC regulations

Mr. Powell-

What are you thinking?!

I am outraged at the way youve chosen to direct the air waves.

This is a free-speech issue, and you know it.

It is disgusting to be an american these days.

Thanks to your brother you are in a position to attempt to silence the alternative media.

How dare you.

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**From:** Ed Oltarzewski  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Sun, May 4, 2003 6:10 AM  
**Subject:** Prevent Media monopolies.

Dear Madam,

Diversity of opinion is necessary for a healthy society. It is therefore essential that it be maintained in the newsrooms of the American media.

I urge you to resist any pressure to relax the broadcast ownership rules which prevent media monopolies.

Respectfully,

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**From:** Quackmcduck@aol.com  
**To:** KM KJMWEB  
**Date:** Sun, May 4, 2003 6:14 AM  
**Subject:** June 2 vote

As Chairman of the FCC Commission, your job is to protect this nation's PUBLIC AIRWAVES. Consolidation of the media in the hands of a few powerful corporations is a heinous attack on the very liberty of this country. Why has the impending vote on the consolidation of the media taking place on June 2 not been properly publicized? Why have there not been hearings scheduled in every city in this nation, considering the impact this can indeed have on our very liberty? How can you even consider allowing a few powerful corporations control the nation's airwaves and Internet? Can you not see that liberty cannot survive without a free press? Haven't you studied the history of this country? Is your commission sabotaging that which it was formed to protect?

I most respectfully request that you delay this vote and rethink what you are proposing. Most Americans may not be familiar with the June 2 vote, but they need to be informed. And they will certainly become familiar with what you are proposing once the impact is felt. And you and your commission will be held responsible.

**CC:** Kathleen Abernathy, Commissioner Adelstein, Michael Copps

**From:** Robert Lachapelle  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sun, May 4, 2003 8:06 AM  
**Subject:** Broadcast Ownership Rules

Dear Mr. Adelstein;

I urge you not to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies.

These proposed changes would pave the way for giant media conglomerates to gain near-total control of radio and television news and information in communities across our nation. And many of the corporations that are now lobbying the FCC to relax these ownership rules already have a known track record in attempting to keep opposing viewpoints off the air.

The American people deserve to hear more than one point of view on important issues. Therefore, for the sake of our democracy and our freedom, I urge you to continue the broadcast ownership protections that, for decades, have helped to ensure a healthy political debate in our country.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** Hank Schekter  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Sun, May 4, 2003 8:10 AM  
**Subject:** Regulation Changes

Dear Chairman Powell,

By way of biographical data, I am a registered nurse, 41 years of age, living in the Burlington, VT area. This note is to address the pending deregulation changes regarding ownership of media sources in the United States.

My concern is that concentration of the media in the hands of the few will be a very destructive force to American democracy. Issues that are not deemed profitable or favorable to those few businesses will never make the "radar screen". Does that mean they are not important or essential to the American people? I think not. Vastly diversified media sources are clearly essential to a thriving democracy..... the core value of American government.

One might argue that competition will be fostered by deregulation, but at the prices of the airwaves, small business people will not be able to compete with companies like Clear Channel Communications.

I urge you and your fellow commissioners to fully educate the American public, not just a few interested parties, about your deregulation plan and the possible ramifications on American democracy. After all, all Americans are the rightful owners of those airwaves. Delay your upcoming vote on June 2 significantly. What is the hurry?

Sincerely,

Henry S. Schekter

**CC:** KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

**From:** LLundy1000@aol.com  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Sun, May 4, 2003 8:14 AM  
**Subject:** REGARDING fcc RULES AND REGULATIONS

Dear Chairman Powell:

I have recently learned that on June 2nd, the FCC is poised to vote on changing ownership rules which would dramatically affect the media content we hear and watch in this country. I am writing this letter to express my deep concern that relaxing your regulatory standards would erode the diversity of opinions we hear. I site ClearChannel Communications as an example. Now owning over 1200 radio stations nationwide, this conglomerate has decreased the variety of music and political opinions that we can access.

In your Strategic Goals, you state that the FCC should "revise media regulations so that media ownership rules promote competition and diversity."

The FCC should also provide a "competetive framework," which "should foster innovation and offer consumers meaningful choice in services." Allowing companies such as Clearchannel and others to further consolidate their media reach would clearly be against the stated goals of the FCC.

I have strong reservations against any FCC measure which would continue this trend of decreasing choice and diversity we have witnessed since 1996.

Thank you for your time,

Linda G. Lundy, CMT

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**From:** Douglas E. Relf  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sun, May 4, 2003 8:19 AM  
**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

Douglas E. Relf (drelf@va.asdnet.com) writes:

Dear Commissioner:

As a private citizen interested in preserving a diversity of viewpoints and the media's ability and responsibility to provide fair and accurate information to the public, I urge you, on June 2, to preserve the current rules regarding the number of media outlets in specific markets that one company may own. In my opinion, it is just common sense that when one or a small handful of powerful companies are allowed to dominate our markets, there is less incentive to provide determined and aggressive reporting and investigation of public affairs. I read recently that one company currently owns 1200 radio stations in Texas. I have also read that although there are now 500 channels available through various satellite TV providers, a small group of 5 or less companies control these 500 stations. In effect, these companies control the market and the public's access to news that affects our quality of life. If a matter arose in which there was a conflict of interest between the owners of!

these media outlets and the pub

lic interest, I do not believe the public interest would win out. In conclusion, I do not believe the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights would best be served by allowing a small number of large business interests to dominate our media markets, and I urge you to uphold the current rules on this matter.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Helen Markessinis (Hotmail)  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Sun, May 4, 2003 8:30 AM  
**Subject:** Broadcast Ownership Rules

I am absolutely OPPOSED to any relaxation of the rules governing broadcasting ownership. These rules protect the American citizen from media monopolies. We cannot allow the giant media conglomerates to gain control of the radio and television news information. As citizens of a democracy we must be allowed to hear all news and view points as we so often hear - "the public has a right to know". The public does have the right to know BUT NOT only what the media conglomerates want us know. We still do have a DEMOCRACY in this country that we must fight for each day. Those that wish to destroy our democracy are feverishly working each day to achieve their objective. We must be vigilant and block their every move.

You must continue the broadcast ownership protection to ensure a healthy political debate in this country.

**CC:** Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, Commissioner Adelstein, KM KJMWEB

**From:** BHistorybuff@aol.com  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sun, May 4, 2003 8:43 AM  
**Subject:** FCC Broadcast Ownership Rules

Honorable Jonathan S. Adelstein, Commissioner

Dear Sir:

I urge you not to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies.

An almost complete control of our media would allow propaganda and misinformation to achieve a widespread influence over our population without ability of others to respond. This is NOT the intent of our Constitution and such monopoly capability should NEVER be allowed.

I urge you to continue the broadcast ownership protections that are now in effect and that have permitted a viable political debate in our country.

Sincerely,  
Barbara Alt  
Westbury, NY

**From:** Anne Holder  
**To:** Mike Powell, KM KJMWEB, Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Sun, May 4, 2003 9:27 AM  
**Subject:** Media concentration

The business of the FCC, which is a government and therefore representative (under democracy) body, is to attend to the needs of people, not corporations. Please don't let further concentration of ownership of media in the name of such political terms as "synergy" cripple the American mind.

Let me invite you to the community college classes I teach, so that you can experience first-hand the disasters of young, diverse Americans who do not read nor understand diverse opinion. I think such a visit would make you thoughtful.

Thank you for your attention.

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**From:** Djwbike@aol.com  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Sun, May 4, 2003 9:41 AM  
**Subject:** Regulation changes

Dear Mr Powell,

I am writing to request more and longer public review of the proposed regulation changes. As a concerned citizen, I believe that the public should be much more informed as far as exactly what the changes will be and the ramifications of these changes. I've seen and heard precious little concerning these changes.

Sincerely,

Debbie Wilson